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May 30th, 1917

President Holgate,

Northwestern University,

Evanston, Ill.

Dear President Holgate:

Am I correct in addressing you as President? If so it is a great pleasure to me to be atle to do so, and I am sure that the Northwestern will be fortunate, but I know that you refused the office a good many years ago, but perhaps you have been persuaded now.

Mr. Justice Riddell is married, and his wife often goes with him on his visits to the United States.

The regulations of the British Army are that no gown or cap is placed over the military uniform. We simply put the hood over the head of the recipient and confer the degree and then remove the hood. This has been our practice for the last two years and is I believe the English practice.

As you know we are greatly pleased at the prospect of the United States now being in this struggle with us. She has found her right place and I believe we shall ~~[illegible]~~ for the maintenance of democracy, but the indications are that the struggle may be a long one yet. With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY
EVANSTON — CHICAGO
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Chicago, July 3, 1917.

President Robert A. Falconer,
University of Toronto,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear President Falconer,

In planning for courses in military drill for our Evanston men students for next year it has occurred to me that possibly we could secure the services of a Canadian officer who has seen service abroad and has returned and is no longer available for active service though quite capable of giving ordinary instruction. We have a large number of men in officers' training camps and it may be that we can secure one of these who has been disqualified for some minor physical defect but I should prefer an officer who has seen regular service. Is it too much to ask that you have this matter in mind and give me such suggestions as may come to you?

I hope you are finding opportunity for a vacation this summer as I am hoping to do in a few days.

With kindest regards

Yours sincerely,

Thomas F. Holgate

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July 4th, 1917

President Thomas F. Holgate,

Northwestern University,

Evanston, Ill.

My dear President Holgate:

It would give me great pleasure to be able to recommend a returned officer who could give drill to your students. A similar request has come to us from a number of American Universities and we have done the best we could, and there are fewer suitable men than you would suppose. Most returned officers are back only on short leave and as soon as they recover they are returned to the front, and the number of men with qualifications to suit you is small. However, I am making inquiries and it is possible that during the summer we may get some one to suit you. I would suggest that in the meantime you write to Major-General M. Swatkin, Chief of Staff, Militia Department, Ottawa, and say that I had referred you to him. Possibly he may have some one to suit.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.